During my personal conversation with the Parakalaswamigalu when I had last been to Mysore, he stated that he is prepared to contribute Rs. 500 per annum towards the Agama Classes and to invest for the purpose later on a sum which would fetch that amount and that he is also agreeable to supervise the affairs of the section as proposed. As the three Pandits who are now receiving training in the different systems of Agamas under the scheme sanctioned in Government Order No. 1356-9—Muz. 133-27-12, dated 21st January 1929, will be available for appointment as Agama Professors in the College within the course of the next few months with a view to give training to the younger members of the families of the Archaks under the revised scheme, the appointment of the Committee consisting of members possessing expert knowledge in this branch of ancient learning, exclusively for the management of the Agama Classes is quite necessary in the interests of the training in this branch and the proposals of Pandit Srinivasachariar in this behalf appear to be sound.

I submit the proposals for kind sanction of Government. This would secure a permanent pecuniary grant from His Holiness the Parakalaswamigalu. The Swamigalu has also agreed to afford feeding in his Mutt to the students of the Sreevaishnava sect that undergo training in Agama.

A copy of the letter received from the Agent of the Parakalaswami Mutt, stating the conditions under which 20 students studying Vaikhanasa and Pancharatra Agamas will be fed in the Mutt is also sent herewith."

ORDER NO. 915-18—MUZ. 127-30-2, DATED 25TH OCTOBER 1930.

The recommendations of the Muzrai Commissioner are sanctioned. Government accept with pleasure the generous contribution of Rs. 500 per annum made by the Sri Parakalaswamigalu for the benefit of the Agama Classes.

P. MAHADEVAYYA,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Draftsmen's Class.

READ—

Letter No. 2530 of the 12th August 1930, from the Chief Engineer of Mysore, recommending the opening of a Draftsmen's Class in the School of Engineering, Bangalore, from September 1930.

2. Letter No. Aa. 862 of 30-31, dated the 3rd September 1930, from the Director of Public Instruction, stating that if funds can be made available by the Public Works Department, he can arrange for the opening of the above classes.

3. Notes ending with No. D. 403 of the 29th September 1930, by the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, stating that the cost would be met from the Public Works Department and Krishnarajasagara Works Budgets in equal proportion for this year and seeking approval for the immediate opening of the Draftsmen's Classes.

ORDER NO. D. 90-95—EDN. 170-30-1, DATED CAMP MYSORE, 7TH OCTOBER 1930.

The Secretary, Public Works Department, has reported that when vacancies of Draftsmen in the Public Works Department were advertised during the past few years, duly qualified candidates were found not to be available and candidates who passed the Sub-Overseer's Examination were employed against such vacancies when available or when they could not be had, imperfectly trained candidates had to be employed temporarily with the result that the quality of work in the Drawing Branch of the Public Works Department has been deteriorating. He therefore proposes that a Draftsman's Class be opened immediately in the School of Engineering, Bangalore.

2. In view of the urgent necessity brought to notice, the Government are pleased to approve of the recommendation of the Public Works Secretary to open a Draftsmen's Class immediately in the School of Engineering, Bangalore, and to continue it

for a period of three years in the first instance. The Syllabus showing the course of studies proposed together with the additional establishment required to open the classes as shown in the annexure is approved. The Director of Public Instruction is requested to arrange, in consultation with the Chief Engineer, for the opening of the class immediately as also for the selection of the candidates for admission to the class from those who have successfully gone through the first year's course of the Sub- Overseers' Class and obtained high marks in drawing. The number of students to be admitted to the class may be limited to a maximum of ten as stated in the Public Works Secretary's Note.

3. The allowances recommended for the existing School Staff and the employment of part-time Lecturers are also approved. The selection of outside Lecturers may be made in consultation with the Chief Engineer. The cost on account of the opening of the Draftsmen's Class during the current year including the above allowances is reported to come to about Rs. 2,300 nearly. Half of this amount will be met from the grants for the Krishnarajasagara Works and the other half from the general savings under "23 Irrigation and 24 Civil Works" of the Public Works Department grants.

4. The Public Works Secretary notes that the scale of pay of the Draftsmen has not been revised for over 11 years and that this service compares very unfavourably with that for the Sub-Overseers and that that is also one of the reasons for the service being unattractive. Proposals for the revision of the scale may be submitted separately by the Chief Engineer for orders of Government. All passed students from this class should be absorbed in the Public Works Department against permanent vacancies.

R. RANGA RAO,
General Secretary to Government.

STATEMENT OF THE APPROXIMATE COST OF OPENING A DRAFTSMEN'S CLASS.

ANNUAL RECURRING EXPENDITURE.

Staff.—		Rs.	
One Instructor in Drawing and Estimating	...	75—10—125 or average 108·3.	
One Peon	..	11	
Duty allowance to the Superintendent	...	35	
Do Civil Engineering Assistant	...	30	
Do do Master	...	20	
Do Clerk ..	...	10	
Total	...	214·3	or Rs. 2,571 annually.

	Rs.
Part-time Lecturers in Applied Mechanics, Graphic Statistics	360
Do Architecture ...	360
Drawing Materials, stationery, etc. ...	150
Purchase of Drawing Papers, drawing printed books	30
Contingencies for chalk, dusters, etc. ...	20
Charges for short tours within the Province	100
Total ...	300